Extension of Textile Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme for Wind Generators

1636.SHRI C.PERUMAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Wind Power Mills Association has requested for extension of Textile Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme to cover installation of wind generators;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has taken up matter with Ministry of Finance;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) Yes Sir. The Chairman of Indian Wind Energy Association has made such a request.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Ministry of Finance is not the Competent Authority in this matter.

Investments in Textile Sector

1637. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether with Indian textile sector falling short by huge margin of required investment target set by the Ministry of Textiles, Ministry is seeking foreign investment from countries like the US, Japan, Italy, etc.;

(b) if so, whether Textile Ministry had envisaged Rs. 40,000 crore of investment every year for next five years to make industry internationally competitive;

(c) if so, whether Government has been able to attract investments only to tune of Rs. 20,000 crore in last one year (2004-05); and

(d) if so, the main proposals that are being considered to complete investment project of 40,000 crore in this sector?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) No, Sir. The Ministry of Textiles has not set any target for Indian Textile sector nor is it seeking foreign investments from countries like US, Japan, Italy, etc. How even there is no restriction on foreign investment in the textile sector.

(b) The vision statement of the Textile Industry envisages investment of Rs. 1,40,000 crore upto 2010. Accordingly, Government hopes that capital investments of the tune of Rs. 25,000-30,000 crores per year in next 3-4 years will help Indian textile Sector in taking full advantage of opportunities available in quota-free regime.

(c) For the purpose of modernisation only the investments made by the organised textile industry in the year 2004-05 was Rs. 7349 crore. In addition to this, there have been huge investments in the decentralised textile sector.

(d) The following Principal Schemes for encouraging investments in the textile sector are in progress:

* To improve productivity and quality of cotton for manufacture and export of competitive downstream textile products, Government has launched the **Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC)**. The Mission has achieved success in increasing the productivity and reducing the contamination through upgradation of cotton market yards and modermisation of Ginning & Pressing factories.

- **The Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS)** was launched to facilitate the modernisation and upgradation of the textile industry both in the organized and unorganized sector. The Scheme has been further fine tuned to increase the rapid investments in the targeted sub-sectors of the textile industry. The cost of machinery has been further brought down by reducing the customs duty on imports.

- For speedy modernisation of the textile processing sector, Government has introduced w.e.f. 20.04.05, a credit linked capital subsidy scheme @10% under TUFS, in addition to the existing 5% interest reimbursement.

- To provide the textile industry with world-class infrastructure facilitie for setting up their textile units meeting international environmental and social standards, a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) based Scheme known as the **"Scheme for Integrated Textile Park (SITP)"** has been introduced in **July 2005**.

Production and export of cloth

†1638. DR.MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cloth is produced in mill, powerloom and handloom sectors;

(b) if so, the quantum of cloth produced in each of the above sectors during the years 2003-04 and 2004-05; and

(c) the sector-wise quantum of the cloth exported/produced in each of these sectors and the sector-wise quantum of cloth targeted to be produced in the year 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The quantity of cloth produced in the mill, handloom and powerloom sectors during 2003-04 and 2004-05 was as follows:-

(Million Square Meters)

Sector	2003-04	2004-05
Mill	1434	1503
Handloom	5493	5722
Powerloom	26947	28325
Hosiery	7847	9112
TOTAL:	41721	44662

(Source DGCIS Kolkata)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.